Obo-
cchama!

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cchama!

is my
raison
d'etre!

Protect-
ing
him-

If
something's
happened
to him,
I don't
know what
I'll do!

Then you
can
become
more than
a puppet!

Protect a
boy
named
Masaru,
Shirogane!

This
way!

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Y-
you!?

Obocchama!!

ARLEQUIN!!!

W-what the-!? A puppet!

I'm gonna have to get serious...

It seems-

Oh, thank goodness I was in time!

Shirogane!

Are you all right?!

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You were hired by his siblings, weren't you?

Target? You're a hit man then.

To think, the clown I met this afternoon was my target's bodyguard... and that you're a puppeteer...

I'm surprised too, Shirogane.

Vilma... It's you!

Shiro-gane, she's...

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Then... Then this person is the one...

you were getting along with at the zoo...

It's business, so I can't actually say.

I'm telling you, using a puppet won't save you from my knives...

How-ever...

Too bad. I thought we could be friends.

I am here to protect Obo-cchama.

I will not let you kill him.

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We don't know if she was really after me!

Shiro-gane!

Not... for sure...

You're quite skilled, both as a clown and a puppeteer.

Strange, Shiro-gane!

So where's your fee coming from?

From the looks of him, the kid ain't backing you.

Don't tell me you're doing this pro bono!?

So fast!

Black Vilma's shooting stars are faster than any bullet.

Well, on to that Masaru boy...

With your focus on mani-pulating the puppet,

you can't avoid them.

Shirogane!
Shirogane!!

She can still mani-pulate it...

No way!

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Your turn is over, Shirogane.

My knees will never touch the ground.

As long as you are in danger,

I'm all right... Obo-cchama.

It's time to say good-night!

Shi-!!

I will never allow anyone

to harm you.

If I'm your target, target me!

Obo-ccha-ma!

Chiih!

That ain't normal...

Why's that?

At first, I didn't think...

that you really intended to kill me!

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Well... that's so you would be too scared to run away...

Someone as good at knives as you wouldn't have missed me twice!

But if you can do this, you really are a villain!

You look like a person who likes straight-forward-ness

You wouldn't do something so useless when you kill!

So. I thought you might really be a good person.

you're getting really good at knives!

Oneechan...

J i m ...

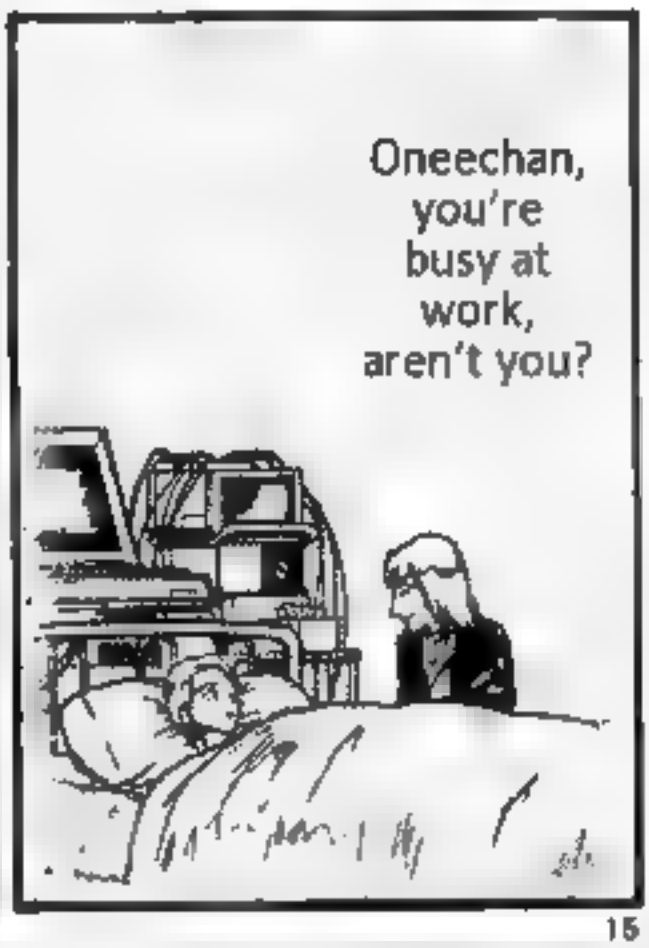
It's just a cold
It's okay

cough
cough

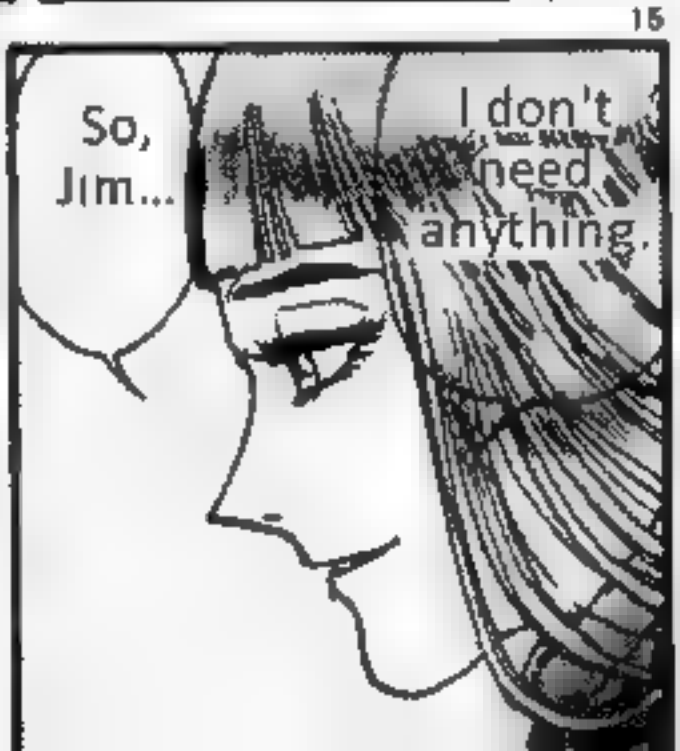
but Jim-kun has a terribly rare disease called Zonapha Syndrome
It's hard for me to say this,

My sickness...must cost a lot of money.
...I'm sorry.

It's all for you
No, not at all.


Oneechan, you're busy at work, aren't you?

You still..
have to show me your knife throwing


So, Jim...
I don't need anything.

Get...

Get well soon.

So, Jim...

Jim,

Don't look at me-

-like that...

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You asked about my fee, Vilma.

I'll tell you.

You should have died instantly... how can you still work the puppet?!

Gah-

Ah-

Then I won't even want for my body tomorrow...

If it means protecting him...

I don't need anything.

If it means keeping him safe...

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